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Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned September 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale.

Did not include  
address, therefore  
dismissed.

Dear Director Mouritsen;

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned September 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe County, Ohio- 6 Parcels covering 191.71 acres available for lease.

ES-001 Parcel Info: Monroe County, OH  
T4N, R5W, Ohio River Survey  
Sec. 7: SENE

Acres: 39.68 Opening bid: \$2/acre  
Open for bidding: 09/21/17 7:00 AM CDT

ES-002 Parcel info: Monroe County, OH  
T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey  
Sec. 15: NENE, W2SENE, Part SWNE

Acres: 97.72 Opening bid: \$2/acre  
Open for bidding: 09/21/17 7:02 AM CDT

ES-003 Parcel Info: Monroe County, OH  
T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey  
Sec. 15: Part NESE  
Acres: 4.16

#### PROTEST

##### I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests

This Protest is filed by James Harrigan today July 31, 2017 on behalf of the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, in Monroe County, Ohio.

I live within a few miles of this beautiful forest where my family and I have hunted and fished in the Wayne National Forest for more than thirty years. By allowing this sale/lease to take place would take away our wonderful place of recreation/hunting/fishing for my family and many other families alike. This lease/sale should never take place because of the impact that it will have on all Ohio valley residents. From polluting our streams and drinking water to the destruction of our only Ohio National

Forest, and endangered animals in the area that are pushed out of this region, and possibly some animals may become extinct. I beg of you to stop this unneeded destruction of our beautiful forest.

II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below: No Environmental Impact Statement has been completed, endangered animals in the area not properly considered, methane is more potent than CO2 in contributing to short term climate change, increased seismic activity in the area, proximity to the river and in flood territory, etc. 3

I hope with all my heart that you will help us to protect Ohio's only national forest!

A very concerned friend of one of our greatest resources, planet earth. Lets NOT turn our backs from the beauty that we now have, or we may wish we would have in just a few short years.

Jame Harrigan.